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Honorable Alexander Wiley
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Wiley:

On 8 July 1959, in response to your request, I wrote to you expressing my views at that time on your bill, S. 2188, proposing a Citizens' Council for Advocacy of Freedom. I indicated that while I was in agreement with the objectives of your bill, I believed it more appropriate for others to comment on the particulars of your proposal. I also mentioned that this matter has received the continuing attention of several agencies of the Government as well as private advisory groups who have reported to the President and the USIA.

Shortly thereafter, on 14 July 1959, the Senate approved Senate Resolution 115, Senator Jackson's resolution which, among other things, authorizes the Committee on Government Operations to study

> "...the effectiveness of the present organizational structures and operational methods of agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government at all levels in the formulation, coordination, and execution of an integrated national policy for the solution of the problems of survival with which the free world is confronted in the contest with world communism; (and) the capacity of such structures and methods to utilize with maximum effectiveness the skills, talents, and resources of the Nation in the solution of those problems;..."

By letter dated 13 August 1959, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee requested our formal comment on S. 2188. The attached response from General Cabell represents our carefully considered views on the bill at this time.

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In our letter to Chairman Fulbright we have noted several points which we feel the Committee should bear in mind in formally considering the bill. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of this report so that you might be kept apprised of our position on S. 2188.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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